macabre messing in--

DEADLY BLESSING

UNKNOWN Forces.
Psychological suspense.
Women in peril.

These are the ingredients of Universal's latest horror film, DEADLY BLESSING.

The star is Ernest Borgnine.

You'll recall his stalwart performance in THE DEVILS RAIN. WILLARD. THE POSEIDON ADVENTURE.

His presence is felt thruout the new film even when he is physically absent from the screen. Not surprising, considering Borgnine has won an Academy Award, a Golden Globe Award and been nominated for an Emmy.

He plays Isaiah.

darin' maren

Maren Jensen, who is half Hawaiian, comes to DEADLY BLESSING fresh from *Battlestar Galactica*, where her unusual looks caught the eye of producer Glen Larson.

Lois Nettleton, who plays Louisa, has been seen with George C. Scott (of *Beauty & the Beast*) in *Fear on Trial* and in *The Last Bride of Salem* (not to be confused with *Salem's Lot*). (Or Lot's Wife!)

An escapee from our Noose Dept. Hang around and find out more about him.

The Hittites account for many sights like this in DEADLY BLESSING.

What's this, a portrait of Doriana Gray?

young superman

When the kid from Krypton was young, he was portrayed in SUPERMAN by Jeff East, who plays Just Plain John in DEADLY BLESSING.

Lisa Hartman (Faith) has guestarred in *Fantasy Island.*

Sharon Stone (Lana) was Woody Allen's "fantasy girl" in STARDUST MEMORIES.

Doug Barr (Jim) has also done a guestar stint on *Fantasy Island.*

So the cast is well-represented with actors & actresses who have played in fantasy films & TV shows.

the filmakers

Wes Craven is a name that's surfaced in the last few years in the horror & supernatural genre.

Remember LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT? Craven wrote & directed it.

THE HILLS HAVE EYES? Craven directed.

And for NBC/TV he directed *Stranger in Our House*, the stranger being none other than the EXORCIST girl, Linda Blair.

Craven is becoming so well-identified with psychological thrillers that he was recently honored at the Toronto Film Festival.

His first filmscript, made on a shoestring budget of $90,000, has grossed $10 mil to date at the boxoffice. That's pretty gross.

Max Keller, the producer & coscripter, told FM his hobby is "chasing down good stories." (Tip: Look into some by your namesake, David H. Keller. Such as "Creation Unforgivable," "The Dead Woman," "The Abyss." Plenty of macabre chills in those!)

the (graveyard) plot

A young couple moves out of the city to a farm. They plan to start their life together.

But tragedy darkens their destiny.

The husband's body is found under mysterious circumstances—dead.

Soon after the widow finds herself pursued by strange forces.

Eerie.

Occult.

Unnamable.

pagan perils

Have you ever heard of . . . the Hittites?

Well, you'll be acquainted with them after seeing DEADLY BLESSING.

The Hittites take their name from a biblical tribe.

Pagans.

Worshippers with unconventional beliefs.

They practice the repression of other people's beliefs & lifestyles.

They refuse to let outside elements enter into their living pattern.

They are not part of the 20th century.

The story revolves around active members of this strange, little-known religious cult.

We've heard of mouth traps but what she's caught is ridiculous.

It is a story of hopes . . . desires . . . problems . . . brought about by psychotic emotions & unusual religious experiences.

hex marks the spot

"More than the normal number of mishaps to be anticipated made us wonder," producer Keller told FM, "if the supernatural overtones of the picture were affecting the company. Early in the production Ernest Borgnine was injured in an accident with a horsedrawn carriage, forcing him to miss several days shooting. Colleen Riley was shaken up in the same mishap. Then Borgnine's stand-in fell from a horse and broke his wrist. One of the animals died and Maren Jensen needed to be hospitalized with the flu."

The snake & spider, however, did not give them any trouble.

what next?

Craven plans production on . . . THE SWAMP THING. All aboard for the Black Lagoon! **END**

Monsters are badder than ever in DEADLY BLESSING.